

San Bernardino County Children's Network
BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK

MINUTES

October 20, 2003
Parks and Recreation Community Room
41220 Park Avenue
Big Bear Lake, CA

In Attendance:

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Elaine Holzer-Tennity	Hummingbird Project	tetennity@aol.com	909-584-7158
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Shelley Bingham	Family Counseling Center		909-866-5721
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Tammy Williams	Children's Network	tttwilliams@hss.sbcounty.gov	909-387-5365

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mary welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of September Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

4. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

Pat Miller of BBCBA reported: She announced that a specialty shop, The Hummingbird Project for children 0-18 is now open and she invited everyone to come and see it. There will be clothing, games, toys and a career corner. They are looking for donations of clothing for interviews. The Hummingbird Project is a non-profit thrift shop. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Wednesday and Sunday.

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino reported: Mary thought some items did not make it into the packets and will have them sent at a later date. Mary reviewed items in the agenda packet. Mary talked about a grant related list serve for non-profits that has a great web site. There is more national recognition now for non-profits working with family and workplace connections such as; dependent care, parenting, and more. A good web site to go to for programs on partners against violence is www.pathnet.org. In 2004 it is anticipated there will be some budget cuts and some programs will be eliminated and/or rolled into one. The next round of technology grants available through Best Buy has a deadline of January 15th. Southern California Gas accepts

applications year around for community agencies. Jimmy Buffet awards grants for social and environmental programs. The next rounds of grants awarded by Home Depot are due November 16th and after that January 15th for pallets of wood that have been discontinued. Mary did some research and found out that Home Depot will deliver in the mountains, especially since they have employees that reside in the mountains. Starbucks works with agencies in the community by support through grants. Southern California Edison will give support to the community through grants. Mary suggested another possible funding source could be local television companies.

Dave Mills received a Federal grant for technical assistance in the amount of \$776,000; and the grant will go into effect in January 2004. Mary mentioned that California Endowment has changed some of the requirements for their endowment funds and she suggested when applying for funds it best to partner and be innovative in your plans. SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) a Federal Program has new guidelines for the (30 to 40) drug abuse and mental health grants that now fall into 4 types of discretionary grants. Only the faith-based and CBO (Community Based Organizations) can apply for the SAMSHA grants. Mary has some sample applications in her office she offered for review. Also the Federal Government has available some Next Generation Grants for community service. The deadline for the Next Generation Grants is November 17th. Mary suggested researching the web site for the United State Office of Management and Budget – Grants Management www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants for the most up-to-date funding opportunities. It has been mandated that all government agencies must include a brief synopsis on the web site including deadlines of the current grant opportunities. Mary mentioned that the Department of Economic Community Development (ECD) in the county now has applications for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). The deadline to apply is December 11th. Mary suggested calling ECD for more details about the funding and to inquire about your agency's eligibility. Their number is (909) 388-0800 or check the web site <http://www.sbcounty.gov/ecd/community/default.htm>. Mary mentioned she has some sample CDBG applications available at her office for review. The average grant awarded from ECD is usually \$5,000. Mary also had some information through the Federal Government to purchase vans and busses for agencies that serve the special needs population.

Elaine Holzer-Tennity of the Hummingbird Project reported: She has written for several grants through CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and JTPA (Jobs, Training Partnership Act). She is using the information obtained in this group to improve her skills and write more effective grants.

Henriey Adame of Big Bear Youth 2 Youth/Operation Breakthrough reported: There will be a Red Ribbon Breakfast on Oct. 27th from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Pine Summit, tickets are \$10. Henriey has red ribbons to give away and will also be handing out community packets at the breakfast. For more information call Operation Breakthrough at (909) 878-3302.

Tanya Perry of Healthy Start reported: She shared that they provided 66% more services last year according to their state evaluation. With the Prop. 10 funding, they became more efficient with their referrals for the family-counseling center at Lutheran Social Services. Through the Healthy Start funding, they have gained 1 full-time social worker, 1 full-time clerk and other part time staff. There was a 28% increase in grade point averages, and attendance increased by 112 days for families they served.

Mary mentioned that the next SURPLUS PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION is December 3rd. If you are a 501(c) 3 and are looking for desks, computers and other supplies, please contact Children's Network for an application at (909) 387-8966.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** Was tentatively November 10th – it was cancelled due to the Old Fire.
New Date
December 8th at 3:15 p.m. (weather permitting)
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Respectfully Submitted

Tammy Williams, Children's Network
Bear Valley Community Network Recording Secretary

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